

Heart of Cork Razed by Flames In Reprisal for Bomb Attack; Civilians Are Slain in Streets

Municipal Buildings, Corn Exchange and Carnegie Library Are Destroyed; Loss Is \$15,000,000

12 Black and Tans Wounded, Some Die

People in Terror as Fires Drive Them Into the Bullet-Harried Streets

Cork Reprisals Declared Death Blow to Peace

**Burning of City Climax of
Long Series of Crime
and Attacks in Which
Lives Were Mere Pawn**

Ends Fortnight of Terror

Outbreak Expected to Force Debate in Parliament

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LONDON, Dec. 12.—In all the lo-
series of crimes, reprisals and count-
attacks in Ireland there is no paral-
for to domestic disturbances.

for to-day's disaster, the burning
Cork. For the last fortnight scenes
and events in that city have been such
as were witnessed in the Western
mining camps of fifty years ago, where
life was made a gamble by the lack
respect for human life. The Cro-
forever have been sent to

To-day came the crisis. It was the first development since Lloyd George made his announcement of a dual Irish policy of coercion and reconciliation. It was the first time that

Labor Members Aroused

In the opinion of many in London to-night it is a body blow to the

who have had hopes of an early peace in Ireland. The Labor members in Parliament almost certainly will seize this opportunity to bring the Premier's policy up for debate. They are countering already that by a declaration of martial law Lloyd George has taken

Arthur Griffith, vice-president "the Irish republic," issued a statement from Mountjoy Prison, Dublin.

to-day, which was written, however, prior to Lloyd George's speech. said:

"The people of Ireland need pay attention to the statements of the inspired English press regarding individual members of the ministry."

of the Dail Eireann. The ministry as a unit in international relations and no member has acted or will act without the knowledge and concurrence of his colleagues. Ireland desires to live in peace with all nations with exception, but Ireland won't accept

Premier's Position Denounced

The Dublin Sunday Independent summarizing the developments of the week, says:

"Lloyd George's declaration has re-

thought his own desires for peace whether dictated by principle or expedience, would survive Carson's condemnation. The very mildest thing that can be said about his statements is that they were far from helpful."

J. L. Garvin, in a long article in the *Sunday Observer*, written before

"If they wish to make peace and w
take the present Home Rule bill as
dual basis of settlement," he say
"they can insure the enlargement
its financial provisions. They c
bring about free but practical

operation of the two legislatures. They can begin that work with a reconciliation with Ulster, which nothing but enforced consent will ever promote a complete. They can turn to gold account a constructive chance such Ireland has not known for more than a hundred years or they can plunge her back into the eclipse. The choice is theirs.

make Ireland's Christmas sorrowful and somber beyond human telling, they can make it glad and of immeasurably good auspices. Now let's leave it to them, and let British parties during the next few short weeks restrain their passion for debate."

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